

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 2-6, 10, 13, 14 and 16 are amended, claims 17-21 are added, and claim 1 is canceled, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter found therein. Accordingly, claims 2-21 are pending in this application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

I. Information Disclosure Statement

An Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 was filed in the above-captioned patent application on August 5, 2005. Applicants have not yet received from the Examiner an initialed copy of the a copy of the Form PTO-1449 to acknowledge the fact that the Examiner has considered the disclosed information. The Examiner is requested to initial and return to the undersigned a copy of the Form PTO-1449. For the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of that form is attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and return an initialed form PTO-1449 with the next Office Action.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that the Office Action indicates that claim 15 is allowed, and claims 6-14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 2-6, 10, 13 and 14 are amended to depend from allowed claim 15. Claim 4 is also amended to delete recitation of a method of making so that the claim is directed only to features of the apparatus. No new matter has been added. Because claims 2-14 depend from allowed claim 15, and claims 2-14 are also allowable for at least this reason. Because claim 3 depends from allowed claim 15, Applicants respectfully request that claim 3 be rejoined and allowed.

New claim 17 depends from allowed claim 15, and new claims 18-21 respectively rewrite original claims 6, 10, 13 and 14 into independent form. No new matter has been added. Thus, new claims 17-21 are allowable for at least these reasons.

III. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and 103(a)

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Japanese Patent Application Publication No. JP-A-2002-156652 to Kenichi; and rejects claims 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Kenichi. The rejection is moot with respect to canceled claim 1 and respectfully traversed with respect to claims 2, 4, 5 and 16.

As discussed above, claims 2, 4 and 5 are amended to depend from allowed claim 15, and thus are also allowable.

Claims 16 has been amended to recite a light-shielding film. As acknowledged by the Office Action with respect to claim 15, the applied prior art does not disclose this feature.

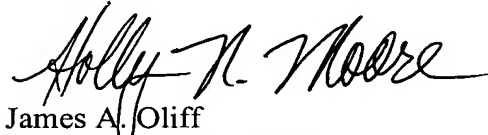
Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 2-21 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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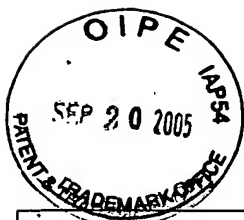
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	2	WO-01/8227341 (corresponds to Ref. 1) (w/English Abstract)	11/01/2001	WIPO			
	3	JP-A 2001-265253 (w/Abstract and English translation)	9/28/2001	Japan			
	4	JP-A 2002-158360 (w/Abstract and English translation)	5/31/2002	Japan			
	5	JP-A 2002-215064 (w/Abstract and English translation)	7/31/2002	Japan			
	6	JP-A 2002-244154 (w/Abstract and English translation)	8/28/2002	Japan			
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